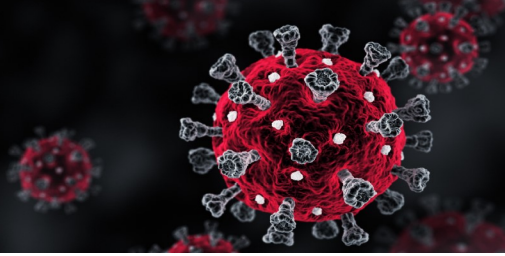


Vax Matters



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News



Governor Signs Legislation Renaming NJDOH Building For Commissioner

Governor Phil Murphy has signed legislation designating the NJDOH state office building in Trenton as the “Judith M. Persichilli Building” in honor of Health Commissioner Persichilli.

The building is named in honor of her past and ongoing service to New Jersey residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Commissioner Persichilli has been a steadfast leader and partner during the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Governor Murphy.

“Judy’s selfless and honorable service to the people of our state has undoubtedly saved lives and protected the public health of New Jersey. All those who walk the halls of the ‘Judith M. Persichilli Building’ will be reminded of her leadership and dedication during the greatest public health crisis in our nation’s history,” he said.

Commissioner Persichilli began serving as Acting Commissioner of Health on August 5, 2019 and is the first nurse to lead the department. She was confirmed by the State Senate on January 9, 2020.

COVID-19 Vaccinations for Children Ages 5 to 11 Underway Across NJ

With about 760,000 5- through 11-year-olds in New Jersey, protecting them through vaccination helps further protect everyone.

“We want children to remain in their classrooms this year, learning, sharing, and socializing with their friends, but doing it safely,” said New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) Commissioner Persichilli. “The best way to ensure that is to have as many individuals as possible vaccinated, including those 5 years of age and older.”

Local pharmacies, pediatrician and other physician offices, federally qualified health centers, and other vaccination sites across New Jersey have been receiving and administering the Pfizer vaccine to 5- through 11-year-old children.

The Pfizer vaccine for this age group is one-third of the adolescent/adult dose. Clinical data reviewed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has shown the vaccine to be safe and over 90 percent effective in preventing COVID-19 in children ages 5 through 11.

COVID-19 cases in children can result in hospitalizations, deaths, multi-system inflammatory syndrome and long-term complications, such as “long COVID,” in which symptoms can linger for months.

While most of these children have mild infections, some have more severe illness. These children can transmit the infection to other children and to adults.

School Vaccination Events

NJDOH is working with County Superintendents to stand up clinics at schools, which allows for vaccination in a convenient and familiar environment. Some of these school clinics have already begun.

Parents looking for an appointment can visit covid19.nj.gov/finder.

Parents should discuss any questions they have with their pediatrician, family physician, or healthcare provider who they have trust in.

Family physicians and pediatricians who want to enroll as a COVID-19 vaccine provider can do so at <https://njiis.nj.gov>.

As New Jersey continues to battle the COVID-19 pandemic, the vaccine provides the greatest protection against COVID-19. Vaccination is the pathway out of this pandemic, and we all want a successful and safe journey.



Commissioner Persichilli joined Deputy Commissioner Robin Ford, left, and her daughter, Megan, 11, who got her Pfizer vaccine at the CURE Arena in Trenton last week. Great job Megan!

Vaccination Progress

- ◆ 13.4M+ total doses administered
- ◆ 6.1M+ fully vaccinated people



Find the latest pop-up and mobile vaccination events at covid19.nj.gov/communitycalendar.

Guide to Vaccine Eligibility

(last updated: 11/03/2021)



**When can I
receive this
dose?**

**What brands
are available?**

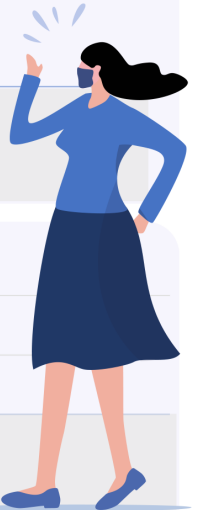
**What are the
eligibility
requirements?**

Individuals 5–11



1 st dose	Any time	Pfizer	Ages 5–11
2 nd dose	3 weeks (21 days) after 1 st dose	Pfizer	Ages 5–11

Individuals 12–17



1 st dose	Any time	Pfizer	Ages 12–17
2 nd dose	3 weeks (21 days) after 1 st dose	Pfizer	Ages 12–17

Individuals 18+



1 st dose	Any time	Pfizer	All Adults
		Moderna	All Adults
		J&J	All Adults
2 nd dose	3 weeks (21 days) after 1 st dose	Pfizer	All Adults
		Moderna	All Adults
3 rd dose	4 weeks (28 days) after 2 nd dose	Pfizer	Adults who are moderately to severely immunocompromised*
		Moderna	
Booster	6 months after 2 nd dose	Pfizer (can get any booster)	Ages 65 and older
		Moderna (can get any booster)	Ages 18 and older who have <u>underlying medical conditions</u> **, who work or live in <u>high-risk settings</u> ***, or who live in <u>long term care</u> ****
		J&J (can get any booster)	All Adults

All booster doses are interchangeable

* Immunocompromised = An individual with a weakened immune system due to certain health conditions. Note: Immunocompromised persons may receive a booster dose 6 months after their additional doses (third doses) of an mRNA vaccine.

** Underlying medical conditions = For example, cancer, diabetes, hypertension and other conditions that increase risk for severe COVID-19 illness.

*** High-risk settings = For example, healthcare workers, teachers, and others whose job puts them at risk of COVID-19 exposure.

**** Long term care = For example, individuals living in residential care, assisted living, nursing homes etc. that increase risk for COVID-19 exposure

SOURCE: CDC, FDA

Ready to get vaccinated?

Visit COVID19.nj.gov/vaccine

Additional questions?

The NJ COVID-19 Vaccine Call

Center is available at: **855-568-0545**